

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-23 are pending, of which Claims 19-23 have been withdrawn from consideration, without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant has carefully considered the application in view of the Examiner's action and, in light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, respectfully requests reconsideration and full allowance of claims as now presented.

The Examiner has indicated that the Application contains claims directed to patentably distinct Inventions I and II, and that under 35 U.S.C. 121, Applicant must make an election to a single species. In response, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims corresponding to the two inventions identified by the Examiner are directed to interdependent inventions and that they would be properly and more efficiently examined together in a single application and, therefore, respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121.

Alternatively, for purposes of prosecution, Applicant elects, with traverse, Invention I, defined by Claims 1-18, and withdraws from consideration, without prejudice or disclaimer, Claims 19-23, thereby satisfying the present election/restriction requirement. It is respectfully submitted that the application is now in better condition for further action by the Examiner and for allowance on the merits.

It is believed there is no fee required for the filing of this Amendment. However, if a fee should be necessary, please charge the required fee to Deposit Account No. 50-2032 of Scheef & Stone, L.L.P.

Favorable action and allowance of the Claims as now presented are respectfully requested.

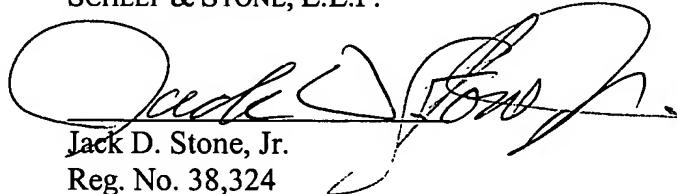
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Should the Examiner have any questions or desire clarification of any sort, or deem that any further amendment is desirable to place this application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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